

State Of Tennessee

Fiscal Year 2017-18 Action Plan

Executive Summary

The Annual Action Plan serves as the State of Tennessee's annual application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the funding of HUD's five formula grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF), and Housing Opportunities for Persons Living with AIDS (HOPWA) Program. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-18 Action Plan describes actions on behalf of the State of Tennessee to administer and implement the Consolidated Plan grant programs during the State Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

The names of the grant programs, the administering state agencies, and the FY 2017-18 allocations are as follows:

- National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) administered by Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), allocation: \$3,160,279
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), allocation: \$24,977,133
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) administered by Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), allocation: \$9,582,153
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) administered by Tennessee Housing Development Agency (THDA), allocation: \$2,963,712
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program administered by the Tennessee Department of Health (DOH), allocation: \$1,097,514

The Annual Action Plan describes the amounts and source of the five formula grant funds expected to be made available during FY 2017-18 and discusses the methods by which funds will be distributed to eligible applicants by the administering agencies. Funds are made available either through a competitive grant process, through a formula basis, or in some cases, both. Also discussed are other federal and non-federal resources administered by THDA and include: Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program, Section 8 Contract Administration, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC), the Tennessee Housing Trust Fund, the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) Program, and the Homeownership Programs.

Goals and Objectives

Also contained in the FY 2017-18 Annual Action Plan are the specific goals the administering agencies, known collectively as the Consolidated Planning Partners, hope to address in the coming year, as they relate to the five-year Consolidated Plan, and the goal outcome indicators by which the administering agencies will measure performance. The specific goals of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan are:

1. Create and maintain affordable rental and homeownership stock with the construction of new affordable housing, rehabilitate existing affordable housing, provide down-payment assistance, and provide tenant-based rental assistance to eligible populations.
2. Support homeless facilities to ensure they can continue to meet the needs of Tennessee's homeless population and provide resources to support those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
3. Provide resources to preserve affordable housing options for those persons with HIV/AIDS.
4. Provide resources to cities and communities to update and repair water and sewer systems. Also, create the base of infrastructure that will provide for a high quality of life for individuals, productive capacity for communities, and that will support economic development.
5. Provide communities with resources to revitalize public and community infrastructure and assets to improve the livability of communities.
6. Provide resources to cities and communities to support job creation, job training, and other job related opportunities.
7. Deliver community development programs in a manner that provides maximum assistance not only to economically disadvantaged individuals, but also to economically disadvantaged or low-to moderate-income areas of the state.
8. Affirmatively further fair housing by providing training and technical assistance to communities, organizations, realtors, lenders, and other stakeholders. Also provide fair housing counseling, outreach, and education to households, organizations, realtors, lenders, and other stakeholders.

For each of the eight goals, action steps were developed in the five-year Consolidated Plan, designed to address these goals. The action steps and the ways in which each of the programs propose to address the goals are also discussed. The Consolidated Planning Partners have developed planning documents, included in the appendix of the Annual Action Plan, to better link HUD's grant objectives to the State of Tennessee's objectives, action steps, activities, and performance measures.